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THE

Controverſie of the Lord

Againſt The

Prieſts of the Nations

AND

Teachers of the People,

Who are in the VVay of *Cain* and *Balaam*, in Sin, Pride and Covetouſneſs, yet leaning upon the Lord, and have a Profeſſion of Religion, a Form of Worſhip, but deny the Power of God.

With a Teſtimony from the Spirit of God to all ſuch as deſire to know the Mind of God, &c.

Alſo an Exhortation to all People under what Name or Form of Religion ſoever.

Alſo a Warning from the Lord unto all you Informers, who are found Fighters againſt God.

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IN the feeling of God's eternal Power, I have Time after Time come into ſome of your Worſhip-Houſes, and a Teſtimony to the Worſhip of God that is in Spirit and Truth I have born, which God is eſtabliſhing and ſetting on the Top of all falſe Worſhips; and now do the Saints of the moſt high God rejoyce over all you Merchants of *Babylon*, your Confuſion is diſcovered, your Nakedneſs is made manifeſt, the Day of God is broken forth, all upon whom it is riſen ſee your Nakedneſs: Againſt your Worſhip and Practice I have in the Authority of God's Power born Teſtimony; confounded, overturned and brought to nothing ſhall you all be, the Decree of God is ſealed concerning you.

Howl and mourn, for your Deſolation haſteneth, your Calamity approacheth, yea, it cometh ſpeedily upon you, ye ſhall not eſcape it, except ye repent, the Mouth of the Lord hath ſpoken it.

Ye who account your ſelves Teachers of the People, over whoſe Hearts the Vail of Darkneſs is, and thick Darkneſs covers you, ſo that ye ſee not when Good cometh, who are ignorant of the Work of the Lord, and know not his powerful Day that is broken forth, who are not acquainted with his Power, that hath ſhaken the Earth and the Heavens alſo, but are covered with the Clouds of the Night, working in the Dark, forming a Way and Worſhip, in which ye pretend to worſhip God, but ye ſet up the Works of your own Hands,

and againſt the Way and Worſhip of God ye riſe up in Oppoſition, but before his mighty Power ye ſhall all fall, ye Potſherds of the Earth.

The Lord hath poured forth of his Spirit (according to his Promiſe) upon Sons and Daughters, and they propheſie in his Name the utter Ruin and Deſtruction of *Babylon*, and you the Merchants thereof, who have made the Nations drunk with the Cup of your Abominations, and the People ſtagger like drunken Men, and are unſtable, as Waters toſſed to and fro, following your windy Doctrines, by which their Minds are corrupted, and they are led by you into Confuſion and Darkneſs, the true and living God they know not, neither can you direct them how they may come to know the Lord: you who have not been taught of God, neither have learned of Chriſt (the Husband) are as the ſilly Women, unlearned, ignorant and unſtable, ſo never come to know the Truth; ye have not a Word to ſay to the People from God, you who are in *Adam*, in the Fall, where all dyed, unto you belongs Wrath, Indignation from God is to come upon you all who are in this Eſtate, your Sacrifices, your preaching and praying, and whatſoever ye perform in this Spirit, it's all Abomination unto God, his Soul loathes it; yea, he abhors the Offering that is offered up by you, who Day by Day grieve his Spirit by rebelling againſt it, quenching and diſobeying the Motions of it, which in you all teſtifies againſt Unrighteouſneſs, and is given you to lead out of it into that which is righteous and good; ſo if you give up to be led by it, it will (as you follow it) lead you out of Pride, Deceit, Covetouſneſs and Envy, and whatſoever you have been led into by the Enemy of your Souls, who hath led you Captive at his Will, and you have brought forth from the Birth that is carnal evil Fruits, by which you are made maniſeſt; for the Tree is known by the Fruit it brings forth.

Joel 2.28,29.

All you who are of the firſt earthly *Adam* in Sin and Tranſgreſſion, who are the Wolves in Sheeps Clothing, having ſtolen Chriſt's and the Saints Words, and made a Trade of them, and ſell them out with your own Inventions for Money, meaſuring

ſuring them by the Hour glaſs; and if either Son or Daughter by the Spirit of the Lord be moved to come into your Worſhip houſes, to call you to come out of your falſe and idolatrous VVorſhip, to warn you to repent, to ceaſe from your own VVords, to come out of Deceit, to labour with your Hands, to be content with ſuch things as you have of your own, to come into Obedience to the Light, the Meaſure of God's Spirit that he hath given to you all to profit with, that ye may all come to worſhip God in Spirit and in Truth, then do ye appear in the Wolves Nature, being filled with Wrath and Envy, Cruelty and Perſecution, ſtirring up the People to put us out of your Worſhip-Houſes, and to lay violent Hands on us, cauſing the People to be diſperſed, by which our Teſtimony (as much as in you lyes) hath been ſtopped, and the Spirit of the Lord hath been grieved through your unchriſtian and inhuman Practices, by which ye have proved your ſelves to be no Miniſters of Chriſt: The Miniſters of Chriſt were and are gentle, eaſie to be entreated, ready to give an Account of the Hope that was in them; but you are in the Gall of Bitterneſs, your Moderation doth not appear to all Men, but ye appear to all People who are of a ſound Mind to be ſuch who preach for Doctrine the Traditions of Men; for when ſuch who are ſent of God come amongſt you, ye are found as Hay, Chaff and Stubble before the Fire, your windy Doctrine compacted together in your vain airy Mind, you cannot then vindicate, neither can you ſtand before ſuch, ſo terrible is the Day of the Lord which is come upon you, ye blind Guides, who cauſe the People to err by your Lyes and Lightneſs; ye deceive the Simple, telling the People, *They cannot be free from Sin while on this Side the Grave*, laying before them the Saints Conditions in their Warfare, but not their Victory; for though *Paul* knew *a Law in his Members warring againſt the Law of his Mind*, yet he alſo came to know Victory; for he ſaid, *In him we are more then Conquerors; and there is no Condemnation to them which are in Chriſt Jeſus, who walk not after the Fleſh, but after the Spirit*; and *David* ſaid, *I have vain Thoughts, but thy Law do I love*; ye are alwayes confeſſing that you are all in Rom. 8. 1, 2.

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Sin, and polluted from the Crown of the Head to the Sole of the Foot, and in Sin ye continue, never knowing Deliverance, not coming to Victory, alwayes under Satan's Power, keeping People in a State of Condemnation, perſwading them in that State they muſt remain while they are in this Life.

Now Sin deſtroyes the Souls of People, if in Sin they continue they periſh eternally; *for the Wages of Sin are Death*; If you in this Unbelief continue, and *yield your ſelves Servants to Sin, his Servants ye are to whom ye obey*; ſo if you ſerve the Devil, and do his VVork, you muſt have your Reward with him in utter Darkneſs forever; and if People believe you, and ſin while they are here, they muſt with you be turned into Hell, the Reward of all that forget God. Rom. 6.23.

So this is a Warning from the Lord through me his Servant unto you, who are blind Guides, to return unto the Light, to ſearch your Hearts by it, that ye may ſee the Deceit that lodgeth in you, and repent, and forſake the Evil of your Wayes, before the Lord bring upon you ſwift Deſtruction, and ſweep you away with the Beſome of his VVrath, for ye grieve his Spirit Day by Day; and although he ſpare you, and be ſlow to Anger, he will not acquit the wicked, but upon you who are ſtubborn and rebellious he will execute the Fierceneſs of his VVrath, and be avenged of you his Enemies, who will not that he reign over you, but before him ye ſhall be as Chaff before the VVind, and all your invented Wayes of Worſhip will he conſume by the Breath of his Mouth, and by the Brightneſs of his Coming.

A Teſtimony from the Spirit of the Lord to all them that deſire to know the Mind of the Lord, to warn you not to heap up Teachers according to your own Luſts, neither to believe every Spirit; but with the Meaſure of the Spirit God hath given unto you to diſcover Error, and every hidden Work of Darkneſs, try the Spirits whether they are of God; the Tree is known by the Fruit it brings forth; all who are in the firſt earthly *Adam*, they are in Sin, bringing forth what the Enemy of their Soul begets, every one ſhort of the Glory of God, all having

having transgreſſed his righteous Law, ſo under the Curſe; ſo all that in this Spirit is brought forth is Abomination to the Lord, for in this Spirit People worſhip not God in Truth, it's all in Deceit and Hypocriſie that from this Spirit proceeds.

In the ſame Spirit in which the Prophets teſtifyed againſt thoſe that *drew nigh unto God with their Lips, and their Hearts were afar off*, do we bear Teſtimony againſt thoſe that are Sayers and not Doers, that they are ſuch as the Lord is wearied with their Sacrifices, and his Soul loaths them, Wolves in Sheeps Cloathing, having Chriſt's and the Saints VVords, but out of that Spirit they were in; for they are made manifeſt to be all in Tranſgreſſion, for by the Spirit of the World they are led, which leads them into Sin daily, yet preaching and praying, pretending to worſhip God; but in this Spirit from whence theſe Fruits proceed God is not worſhipped, neither did any ever come to receive the Knowledge of God, whileſt by this Spirit they were led, nor come to be reconciled to God; but as Judgment comes to paſs upon this Spirit, and as the Fruit that by it was brought forth comes to be conſumed by the Spirit of Burning; ſo againſt this Spirit from whence Unrighteouſneſs, Ungodlineſs, ungodly Thoughts, Words and Works are brought forth, we bear Teſtimony by the Spirit of the Lord, by which Spirits are tryed and diſcerned, and having proved all Things, we hold faſt that which is good, our Faith being in God's Power, by which all whoſe Conſciences are purged from dead VVorks are come to ſerve the living God, and are tranſlated from Death to Life, who ſometimes were dead now live to the Honour of God; and from the Spirit which raiſes up out of the Sleep of Sin and Security Fruits of Righteouſneſs are brought forth, *being become the Workmanſhip of God created unto good Works, and he works both the Will and the Deed according to his good Pleaſure*, and ſuch know they are of God, becauſe he hath given them of his Spirit, in which they ſeek him, and whatſoever they ask in his Name it is given them; all Power in Heaven and Earth is given to the Son, he it is that governs and rules in Righteouſneſs all that by his Spirit are led.

The Fruits of this Spirit are Love, Peace and Joy, all who live

live in it do as they would be done unto, they love their Neighbours as themselves, they bless and curse not, they pray for them that hate them and despightfully use them, they daub not with untempered Morter, they handle not the Word of God deceitfully, they do not the Work of the Lord negligently, they having received from God the Knowledge of his Will, they declare unto People, according to the Gift they have received, what they have seen, tasted and felt of the Mercy, Love and Goodness of God, and knowing that God is a righteous Judge, and will not acquit the Wicked, but give every one a Reward according to their Doings, and having felt the Terrors of the Lord for Sin, perswade People to turn from Iniquity, and to serve the Lord in Newness of Life, in which his Peace and Blessing comes to be enjoyed; so as People come to be led by the Spirit, they witness the Comforter to be come, as many as are led by it, they take up a daily Cross to their own Wills, they think not their own Thoughts, nor speak their own Words, but are become Fools for Christ's sake, and lay down their Crowns at the Feet of the Lamb, and that which they had a Life in in the Times of Ignorance past, they now esteem as Dross and Dung, as to the Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ; and they rejoyce that *they are dead to the World, and the World dead to them; and so being dead to Sin, and alive to Righteousness, the Heart being pure, the Conscience purged from dead Works, God hath made the Body a fit Temple for himself to dwell in, and commits to such of his Heavenly Treasure: And unto some hath given Gifts for the Work of the Ministry, who as good Stewards minister according to the Ability that God hath given them, dividing the Word aright; beautiful on the Mountains are the Feet of such*; and by all who by this Spirit are led, and from this Spirit minister to the People God is honoured; and such are to be honoured for their Works sake; but what Honour do wicked Men bring to God? or what Benefit do you expect from wicked and ungodly Men? *Do Men gather Grapes of Thorns, or Figs of Thistles? Can a bitter Fountain send forth sweet Waters?* Can good Fruit proceed from Men of corrupt Lives? So People be awakened, ye that are asleep in a

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careleſs Spirit, neither trying the Foundation ye build on, nor the Ground your Teachers ſtand on; for verily Ignorance this Day will not excuſe you; for the Lord hath made known the Way of Life and Peace, his Hand is not ſhortned, nor his Ear heavy, neither doth any thing hinder you from God's Bleſſing and Peace, but Iniquity: Therefore return to the Light, that you may turn to God by Repentance and Amendment of Life, and find Mercy; for with him there is Mercy as you come to dwell in his Fear.

And all you that in Meaſure ſee the Blindneſs of your Teachers, and the Ungodlineſs that is brought forth by them, and alſo are diſſatisfied with your own Conditions, that which ſhews this unto you is the Light, *Whatſoever makes manifeſt is Light*, unto it do you turn your Minds, and it will ſhine until the perfect Day; it is a Gift, a Talent given unto you to profit withal, if you improve it and live in it, you would then come out from amongſt theſe blind Guides, who take upon them to ſhew you the Way of Life, but are out of it themſelves, and ſo are not able to direct others; yet theſe unjuſt Men take your Money, and you are alſo unwiſe who have ſet ſuch Men to work, and given them Wages, but the Work is undone, *the weighty Matters that concern Salvation and eternal Life you are ignorant of, the firſt Principle of pure Religion you know not, your Houſe is not upon the Rock, your Faith is not a living Faith, ſo you are ſoon ſhaken and removed with the windy Doctrines of Men, and the Temptations of the Enemy, and led Captive at his Will, being from Chriſt the ſure Foundation, he that opens the blind Eye, and unſtops the deaf Ear, and cauſes the Dumb to ſpeak, you know not, neither are you acquainted with his Power, which if you did come to be Witneſſes of, by it you would be quickned, and raiſed up out of the State of Death, in which you all are, who are in the firſt Birth, in the earthly* Adam, *in Sin, ſeparated from God.*

So although ye may pray, and ſeek the Bleſſing with Tears in this Birth, being to the Seed of the Serpent joyned, ye cannot prevail; the Bleſſing is not unto Seeds which are many, but to the one Seed Chriſt, he who waſheth in his Blood, and clean-

feth from all Sin all who in his Name believe, whose Name is called, *The Word of God*; *And the Word became Flesh, and dwelt amongst us, and we beheld his Glory, the Glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth*; a Measure of this Grace is given unto you, and as in it ye dwell, ye receive Grace for Grace; but if ye slight it, or turn from it, in that State such were of old ordained for Condemnation: So to the Light of Christ, the Way and the Truth manifested in you come ye, learn of him, be meek and lowly, so will ye come to see your Blindness, Nakedness and Barrenness; and all who desire to be redeemed out of this State; seek the Lord in his own Spirit, even in that which in you doth shew unto you your Conditions, that by it you may be cleansed from every evil Way and Work, that thereby ye may be a holy People, restored into the Estate in which Man was before he transgressed; into this Estate wait ye all to be gathered, that the fulfilling of the Promise of God ye may all witness, the Seed of the Woman to bruise the Serpent's Head, the Serpent's Head, the Serpent's Power subdued, and the elect Seed in you all raised up, which in it if you wait on God, and in it seek his Face, the Sighs, Tears and Groans offered up in it will enter his Ear; and whatsoever Sins ye have committed, if ye repent and forsake, and turn to the Lord, you shall find Mercy; for though his Wrath is kindled against the wicked, and all that have sinned must bear his Indignation, yet if People come through Judgment, the River of *Jordan*, to be washed and made clean, and so come to learn Righteousness, and to be taught of God, guided by his good Spirit, that leads out of Unrighteousness into Righteousness, such shall come to know his Mercy and Forgiveness, as it is written, *Turn you to me* (saith the Lord) *and I will love you freely*; so being led by the Spirit of God, ye will come to the true Church, *the Pillar and Ground of Truth, against which the Gates of Hell cannot prevail*; but the Gates of Hell and Death prevail against all that despise and reject the Spirit of the Lord in themselves; so a Testimony for the Lord, and against all such, the Servants of the Lord are constrained to bear in this our Age, as they did in

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Times past, so that if ye reject their Testimony, great will be your Condemnation; yea, it will be more tolerable for them to whom a Testimony hath not been born: So the Lord having given you of his good Spirit to profit with, and I his Servant having faithfully born a Testimony unto you, am clear of your Blood, and whether ye will hear or forbear ye are left without Excuse, and your Blood shall be on your own Heads. *Ezek.* 13. 3. *Isa.* 5. 9.

And all you who separate your selves from the publick Worship of the Nation, but are found in Confusion, in Blindness, in Unbelief, in Unrighteousness, bringing forth evil Fruits, being in Pride, vain Glory, Deceit, Covetousness and Envy, these things proceed from *Adam*, the first Man that was earthly, whose Image you bear while such Fruits are brought forth by you, and in the Seed that is cursed ye are whilest in such things ye are found, and under the Wrath of God ye are that are Children of Disobedience; by Sin ye are separated from God, driven from his Presence, and are feeding upon the Dust, your Minds are in the Earth, your Affections set on Earthly Things, led by the Prince of the Air that rules in you; ye are every one short of the Glory of God, not one amongst you that doth Good and sins not: That out of this Condition you may be delivered, and from under the Curse may be brought, and out of Sin redeemed, which hath brought you all under the Wrath of God, a Measure of the Spirit of God is given to every one to profit withal; and what is to be known of God is manifest within, and unto you it makes manifest your Evil Deeds; bring your Deeds to the Light, try them whether they be wrought in God; the Light will shew you all Evil, as you yield Obedience unto it, you will thereby see the hidden Works of Darkness; there is no Deceit but it will make it manifest, for that which makes manifest is Light, and the Light comprehends Darkness, but Darkness cannot comprehend it: So seek not to comprehend the things of God in your dark Minds and vain Imaginations; for no Man knows the things of God, but by the Spirit of God.

Now all you who are in a Form of Worſhip, covered with a Profeſſion of God, in whom Unrighteouſneſs, Unbelief and Darkneſs remains, and Blindneſs is yet over your Minds, come to the Light of Chriſt, and be awakened, ariſe out of the Sleep of Sin and Security, ye that are bound with the Chains of Sin, and are by the cunning Devices of the Enemy led Captive at his Will, and are Bondſlaves to him Term of Life, who cannot believe that you ſhall ever be free from Sin while you are here, and ſo have made a League with Hell, and a Covenant with Death; come all you to wait on God in that which doth diſcover to you your Conditions, that ſo Deliverance from the Body of Sin you may come to witneſs, even the Ax laid at the Root of the ungodly Tree, and a cutting down, and a breaking off of every Branch that from the corrupt Tree doth proceed, that ye may be Plants of Righteouſneſs, the planting of God's right Hand, that he by you may be glorified, that you may be the Creation of God, created anew unto good Works; for every Tree is known by the Fruits it brings forth: So try the Spirit that rules in you by its Fruits, if in Sin ye yet remain, his Servants you are to whom you obey, if you fulfil the Luſts of the Fleſh, you ſhall dye. Now you that are not redeemed from a vain Converſation, but are in Pride, following the Faſhions of the World, in idle and fooliſh talking, not knowing a Bridle for the Tongue, your Religion is vain; you who are in diſputing, jangling and contending about Chriſt's Words and the Saints Words, but are out of Chriſt's and the Saints Life and Doctrine, who are Sayers and not Doers, ye are not upon the right Foundation, Chriſt, the Author and Stay of the Mind in all Tryals and Afflictions you know not, neither are ye built upon him ye unwiſe Builders, ye refuſe the chief Corner-ſtone, therefore are ye driven aſide with every Wind, toſſed to and fro, ſome of one Opinion and ſome of another, but all unſtable, in Confuſion, and covered with thick Darkneſs; the Clouds of the Night hath compaſſed you about on every Side, and you are as blind men that cannot find the Door; Chriſt the Way, the Truth and the Life, he who is Salvation to the Ends of the Earth is come, and his

his Fan is in his Hand, and he will throughly purge his Floor, to burn up the Chaff, and conſume the Droſs and the Tin, to purge to cleanſe, to purifie every Veſſel that he dwells in, to make fit for his Uſe all who are given up to ſerve him with their whole Hearts, in ſuch he fits as a Refiner's Fire, to conſume every earthly Thought and every evil Inclination of the Mind, and to deſtroy every unrighteous Thing that hath defiled his Creation, that in his Temple he may reign whoſe Right it is; to his Power you muſt all ſubmit, every Knee bow, every Tongue confeſs to God, whoſe Judgments are juſt, and with him it is a righteous thing to recompence Vengeance on the Ungodly; ſo the Day of Vengeance ſhall you all know, every Particular of you, a Night of Sorrow, a time of Tribulation, an Hour of great Diſtreſs, yea, Pain and Anguiſh; you that have conceived Sin and brought forth Iniquity, unto that Birth doth Sorrow and Trouble belong; be not deceived you that ſow to the Fleſh, you ſhall of it reap Corruption, the Wages of Sin are Death, ſuch as you ſow, ſuch ſhall you reap.

And all you whom God hath opened your Underſtandings in Meaſure, to ſee your own Conditions, and alſo them that were your Teachers, yea, whoſe Minds have been turned to the Light; and as you enclined thereunto God appeared unto you, by which a Deſire after the Lord was begotten in you in the time that you there ſtood, even in the Day of your Tenderneſs God appeared to you, and in ſome Meaſure rent the Vail of Darkneſs off your Underſtandings through the Operation of his Power, a Love to God was begotten in you, but you not continuing in that Love, not keeping to the Power of God, which in the Beginning drew your Affections up to God, you returned with the Swine to the Mire, and Dog to the Vomit, and went again to hear thoſe Men whoſe Doctrine and Life ye knew to be out of the Truth, for whom ye had no Eſteem in your Hearts, by which ye have grieved God's Spirit, and cauſed the Light of his Countenance to be withdrawn from you, and Darkneſs is come over you, your Love to God and his People is quenched, and ſo the Night being come upon you, ye ſtumble and fall ſhort of Life. the things that belong to your Peace being hid from your Eyes, the Enemy having ſown an

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evil Seed when you were asleep, your Eyes abroad in the Fool's State, not being in the Head, Christ, so driven aside with every Presentation of the Enemy, your Minds in the many things, in which you offend all, all out of the thing necessary, to which return you who are as Prodigals, who are feeding upon the Husks with the Swine; consider your Condition, is not Leanness over you? Is there not a Famine amongst you, not of Bread nor of Water, but of the Word of God? what Refreshment have you from God, that have quenched the Power of God, and are feeding upon the Tree of Knowledge, but not upon the Tree of Life, following the Desires of your own Hearts upholding a Worship and Way that the Lord is not the Author of; unto you the Lord saith, *Who hath required these things at your Hands*; *so be not deceived, such as you sow must you reap, if you sow to the Flesh, you must of it reap Corruption, if you sow to the Spirit, you shall of it reap Life eternal*: *So return to the Light*, and in the Light search your Hearts you unstable and double-minded People, you who have been invited to the Supper of the Lord, and are joyned to the Enemy of your Souls, and consulting with the earthly Part in you, joyning with the Reasoner, who presents to you the Glory, Riches, Pleasures and Honour of this World, and the Friendship of it, by which ye are overcome, and your Hearts drawn after it, the Enemy having gotten Possession in your Hearts, there is no Room for Christ, and it is with you according as it was said, *There was no Room for Christ in the Inn, it was filled with other Guests*, so in your Hearts, who are gone from the Anointing within, to hear Man; who receive not the Teaching of God, there is no Room to receive the Lord, who comes with his Fan in his Hand, throughly to purge his Floor; but ye being filled with Earthly carnal things, although he stands at the Door of your Hearts, and knock, you will not open, although by his still Voice he comes behind you, and reproves you for your Back slidings, ye will not return, but are as Bullocks unaccustomed to the Yoak, who will not take up the Yoak of Christ, because it is contrary to your carnal Minds, which are not subjected to the Power of God, which must be crucified and slain, before ye be Disciples of Christ; for Christ said, *He that loveth*

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any thing more then me is not worthy of me; ſo in the Light come ye to prove what is the chiefeſt in your Hearts, what it is you love moſt, that which your Hearts are joyned unto that is your God, and ye worſhip it: So you whoſe Minds are in things below, that which gathers your Affections unto God come ye all to know, and be not ſatisfied in yo r Backſlidings from the Truth, but come to live in the Truth, and be not only ſeparated from the Worſhips of the World, but come to the Worſhip of God, which is in Spirit and Truth, and in it wait, that ye may be made ſpiritually minded, *for to be carnally minded is Death*: So all who are in your carnal Minds, ye are alive to Sin, and dead to Righteouſneſs; return to the Light of Chriſt in you, and be awakened, leſt ye ſleep the Sleep of Death; and come ye forth out of all that defileth you, and put off the Garment ſpotted with the Fleſh, ye that are yet joyned to the Spirit of this World, bearing no Teſtimony for God, but are as Salt without Savour; ye who to your own Wills take up no Croſs, you in this Condition ſhall never inherit the Crown; therefore come ye all to bow and ſubmit to the Government of Jeſus, come under his Yoak all of you, that ye may know Death upon the carnal Part to paſs, even God's righteous Judgments to be executed upon the Man of Sin, for the Soul that ſins muſt dye: So be not deceived, ye who are yet alive to Sin, ye are dead to Righteouſneſs; ye who come not to know the earthly Birth ſlain, you are above the Croſs, ye are not born again, ſo in this State ye cannot enter the Kingdom: So to you all that are at Eaſe in the Fleſh I teſtifie in the Name of the Lord, his Wrath doth abide upon you, and although he be ſlow to Anger, yet he will not acquit the wicked, but he will come in Flames of Fire, to render Vengeance on thoſe that know him not, and alſo on them that obey not his Goſpel: So come ye all in the Light to ſearch your Hearts, for verily the Day of the Lord as a Thief in the Night ſhall come upon you who are at Eaſe in your Minds; and though you may ſpeak Peace to your ſelves, ſudden Calamity ſhall come upon you, an Hour of Diſtreſs and Sorrow ſhall ye all know, who are making

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merry over God's Witneſs, not regarding the Reproofs of the Spirit of Truth, nor the Teſtimony that in it is born, yet the Lord is clear of your Blood; ye that know God's Will, and will not do it, ye ſhall be beaten with many Stripes.

Margaret Lynam.

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UNto all you People, under what Name or Form of Religion soever you are, who are not acquainted with the Power of the Lord that redeems from a vain Conversation, I whom God hath visited in his eternal Love, and made a living Witness of his powerful Appearance, do in the Authority of his Power that hath wrought effectually in me to the subjecting of my Heart to his Will, bear Testimony against you all, who are in a Profession, a Form of Worship, and are not come to live in the Power of God, that would purge your Consciences from dead Works; you are all to be stripped of your Covering, and your Fig-leav'd Garments are to be rent off, and you to be made bare and naked, who are covered, and not with the Spirit of the Lord; therefore be awakened ye People, and fear before the Lord, who is come to search *Jerusalem* as with Candles; and turn unto, and prove, and try your Hearts in the Light of the Lord all ye who profess Love to God, for the Tree is known by the Fruits it brings forth; all who are led by the evil Spirit, they from the evil Ground bring forth evil Fruits; Lying, Deceit, Pride, Envy, Drunkenness, Uncleanness, Covetousness, and all manner of Evil proceeds from the Seed of the Serpent; all who are in this evil Seed, they are under the Wrath of God, Children of Wrath, and under the Condemnation of the Almighty; and out of this Estate there's none can be delivered, but as they come

to the Seed of the Woman, Christ Jesus, the Measure of his Light and Life manifested within, which as you joyn unto will suppress, bruise and bring under every carnal Thought and Desire, and work out all Deceit and Hypocrisie, all self Love and carnal-mindedness; and you will as you love the Light, and are subject thereunto, be bowed down in your Minds because of Transgression, and be humbled for your Iniquities, then as you confess your Sins, and forsake them, God will have Mercy upon you, and pass by your Iniquities, and love you freely; but if you continue in Sin, and come not to repent and forsake your Sins, then will the Lord, who is a just and righteous Judge give you a Reward according to your Doings, yea, such as you sow shall ye reap, be not deceived, the Wages of Sin is Death: So ye that have sinned must know Sorrow, Tribulation and Anguish, and Death must pass upon the first man, upon the carnal Part in you all; ye must bear God's Indignation that have transgressed his Righteous Law; and his Judgments you must all come to know whilest you are here in this Life, or otherwise ye cannot escape his everlasting Wrath.

So in Love to your Souls this Testimony unto you all I bear, who am through the Mercy and loving-kindness of God made a Witness of his eternal Power, by which my Soul is translated from Death to Life, and I am changed in my Mind, and renewed in my Spirit, and am come to worship God in Spirit and Truth, and to praise him in the Beauty of Holiness: Blessed be the Name of the Lord forever, who hath

hath quickned, and made alive, and raiſed up, and reſtored me, and brought me out of the Eſtate of Condemnation into the feeling of his eternal Power, by which I witneſs Dominion over the Earth, and my Affections are ſet on Things that are heavenly; And now I having found him whom my Soul loveth, I am conſtrained to bear a Teſtimony of his Love and Faithfulneſs to the Children of men, and to call unto you my Neighbours, Friends and People, to come with me and taſte how good the Lord is; for in Times paſt, when I with you followed the blind Guides, *ſuch as preach for Hire, and divine for Money, who have a Form of Worſhip, but are ignorant of the Power of God*, and ſo are oppreſſing and grieving God's Spirit in themſelves, and oppoſing his Power in others; when I followed theſe men, I knew not the true and living God, neither was I acquainted with his Power, by which Victory over the Temptations of the Enemy is obtained; and although I had a Deſire to do well, and when I offended in Thought, Word or Deed I was grieved and troubled; but there was none could inform me how I ſhould come to obtain Victory over Sin, which was a ſore Burden to me; but as I enclined my Heart to the Light that let me ſee Sin, and as I kept in God's Fear, ſo I came to ſtand in Awe, and not to Sin, as I did in Times paſt, when I believed not in the Light; ſo I grew from Strength to Strength, and dyed to Sin, and lived to Righteouſneſs: And now being quickned and made alive to God, and brought nigh to God, who was ſometime afar off, *I do beſeech you all that you be reconciled to Chriſt Jeſus:*

A Measure of God's Spirit is given to you all to profit withal; the Fruits of this Spirit are Righteousness and Holiness: all who by it come to be guided, do as they would be done unto, they love their Neighbour as themselves, *they bless and curse not, they love their Enemies, they pray for them that hate them, and do Good to them that hate and despightfully use them:* all that are obedient to this Spirit, they are by the Operation and effectual Working of it made subject to the Will of God in all things, and they seek not themselves, but the Honour of God.

So in the Light which will let you see your Conditions, and deal plainly with you, examine what Spirit leads you; and be ye all exhorted, who are at Ease in your Minds, to come into Diligence, and labour in the Vineyard of God, and fit not down in a careless luke-warm Condition, neither make merry over God's Witness in you, by committing Sin daily, and grieving God's Spirit, by adding Sin to Sin; but be ye all subject to the leading of God's Spirit, which leads all who are guided by it out of Error into Truth; so by it be you guided, and ye shall enjoy God's Peace, and his everlasting Blessing shall be your Reward.

I who am made a Partaker of God's free Love do, in the same Love wherewith God hath loved me, this Testimony unto you bear, that you may with me be made Partakers of his Love and heavenly Peace.

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A Warning from the Lord unto all you Informers, who this day are found Fighters againſt God, who are as ravening Wolves lying in wait, as a Company of Robbers watching for your Prey, making a Prey upon the innocent to enrich your ſelves with the Goods of the Servants of the living God; repent ye wicked and ungodly men, for the Lord hath beheld your Wickedneſs, your Evil-doings are not hid from the Lord, he ſees your Wickedneſs, your ſecret Conſpiracies againſt the innocent; the Enemy of all Righteouſneſs, the Devil, the old Informer is your Counſeller and Leader, he leads you into theſe evil Actions, he it is that moves in you, and you his Servants do his Work, and he acts in you, and you are his Inſtruments to work for him, evil-diſpoſed men, whoſe Hearts are evil, and out of the Abundance of the Evil that lodgeth therein you bring forth theſe evil Fruits, *Lying*, *Curſed Speeches*, *Swearing*, *Falſhood*, *Envy* and *Wrath*, and theſe things abound amongſt you: Wo from the Lord God unto you all is now proclaimed, and ſore Calamity ſhall come upon you bloody-minded men; weep & mourn all you that have riſen up againſt the innocent, who have ſecretly conſpired Miſchief againſt your Neighbours, and have ſought to ruine and impoveriſh the Families of ſuch as have laboured honeſtly with their Hands to maintain themſelves and their Families, who are ſubject to the Lord, and to every Ordinance of man that is for Conſcience-ſake; and ſo be-

ing guided by the righteous Law of God, we are not guilty of the Breach of any righteous Law made by man; but you being Evil-minded men, your Deeds are for Condemnation, and the Light of Christ in your own Consciences condemns you, that are found in those evil Actions, and by the Light of Christ are you judged in the Consciences of all People that see and know your evil Deeds; Wrath and Misery everlastlingly shall come upon you, if you come not for your evil Deeds to Repentance; and if you shall yet take Counsel of the wicked One, the old Informer, the Devil, that works in the Hearts of you all that are found in these evil Deeds with him in utter Darkness shall your Portion be forever, except you repent.

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THE END.